
Title: House of the Eagle

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For many years the
Sentry Knights kept
vigilant watch over the
dungeons of the land, a
task made vital by the
constant resurgence of
the monster threat. Over
time they grew into more
than a Knightly Order and
became teachers as well
as fighters. Children
would often be sent to
them at a young age to
be trained in the ways of
war and fostered in the
ways of learning.
Unfortunately this noble
purpose brought with it
the seeds of its own
downfall. The Knights
grew so well versed in
combat that many outside
forgot the dangers they
stopped. Discontent with
the money they felt the
Sentries were hoarding,
there was a popular
movement to close them
down. Knights were
spurned, squires assaulted,
and property was burned.
Still the sentries
persisted for many years,
knowing their duty and
seeing what would happen
if they failed. Although
bravery was on their
side, time was not.

With one hundred years,
the once-grande ORder
had dwindled to only a
handful of old men
watching their mission
fail. Monsters began
slipping out from caves
and warrens, attacking
small hamlets and villages.

The villagers blamed the Sentries for their failure, refusing to see the error of their own ways.

One last time the Knights were called on to fight. A scout informed their Lord Commander that a major force of brigands was marching towards Britain in the hopes of plunder. The people and the guard would be caught unawares in their beds and slaughtered. Taking swift action, the Commander, who was now almost eighty, rallied his troops and positioned them in the only mountain pass leading down to the city. They would not have to wait long, as the brigands were hard on their heels. Three times the Order was attacked, and three times they repulsed the invaders.

On the fourth assault, the Lord Commander sent one last runner to Britain with a message. The contents of this letter have been lost to us, but what happened next was recorded in some detail. A contingent of militia was rapidly dispatched to relieve the Knights. When they arrived, all they found were boulders.

It is believed that the Order had placed men on either side of the pass and had destabilized the rock face in preparation for this day. As it became obvious they could no longer hold, a signal was given and a rockslide was forced. After things had settled, the four men who had been on either side eradicated the

remaining brigands though
they all died in the
attempt.

Only the Knight, youngest
of them at the age of
fourty, who had been
sent to Britain lived past
that day. In memory of
those who fell and to
continue their duties,
Aasin Winlor, the Last
Knight, founded a new
House. This House of the
Eagle was so named
because of the wide and
clear vision of the future
the members of the
Sentry Order had, just
as the eagle has of its
prey, and their swift
action to destroy the
threats, just as an eagle
swoops to the kill.